THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per Assam Pollution Control Board (APCB), the presence of fluoride in ground water has been studied under a project in which ground water samples were collected and tested for fluoride. A total number of 449 habitations have been detected to be fluoride affected. The district wise break-up of these habitations are (i) Nagaon-358, (ii) Karbi-Anglong-48, (iii) Kamrup-36, (iv) Golaghat-4 and (v) Karimganj-3

(c) to (e) As informed by the Assam Public Health Engineering Department (APHED), alternative schemes through Surface Piped Water Supply Scheme (SPWSS) and Ring Well Water Supply Scheme (RWWSS) have been formulated to provide pure and potable water in the above mentioned areas. The following piped water supply schemes are also being taken by the APHED for mitigation of fluoride by installation of Flouride Removal Unit/Alternative Source.

District	Name of Scheme
Nagaon	Urdhagaon Gravity Flow Piped Water Supply Scheme (PWSS) Nilbagan PWSS Kanchanjuri PWSS Dijuvalley PWSS
Karbi Anglong	Longnit PWSS Ardeng Ingti PWSS
Kamrup	Mathgharia No. 1 PWSS

Wildlife Protection Act

1904. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wildlife Protection Act is being amended to make provision for forest tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under Section 28 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Chief Wildlife Warden of State/UT Governments are already empowered for grant of permission for tourism.

Green house gases

†1905. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that emission of green house gases is causing change in climate and increase in temperature;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.